

MINERS ARE READY TO WALK OUT IN GREATEST STRIKE

Formal Rejection of Coal Workers' Demands to Be Presented Tuesday.

COMPROMISE HOPED.

Operators Absolutely Refuse 20 Per Cent. Increase, but May Grant Five.

The anthracite coal operators having openly announced their refusal to accede to the demands of the miners, the skirmish fighting is on what may turn out to be the biggest industrial battle in the country's history. Fully aware of the serious outlook, the committee appointed by the operators at their meeting yesterday to formulate the reply to the miners' representatives conferred today as to the wording of the reply. It will be ready on Tuesday next and the following day, perhaps, it will be submitted to the delegates from the workers.

Whether or not further conferences will follow is a matter of conjecture. At present there is no doubt as to the attitude of both sides. The operators say positively that they cannot grant the 20 per cent. increase of pay and other demands.

It is said for the miners that they are fighting for their very existence—that they must win this fight or quit as an organization. They say that the sliding scale as adopted by the Roosevelt commission that settled the great strike of 1902 has not kept pace with the advance in the cost of living.

MAY BE FURTHER CONFERENCES WITH MINERS' DELEGATES.

The formal refusal by the operators was not unexpected. Their sub-committee, however, is appointed with full power to represent them, and this has been taken by some as meaning that there may be further conferences with the miners' delegates. It may be that the operators will eventually offer a counter proposition, or ask the representatives of the workers to modify their claims. An independent mine operator said today to an Evening World reporter:

"If it comes down to hard facts the operators may agree to a 5 per cent. increase in wages. Twenty per cent. is out of all consideration."

Both the operators and the miners are unwilling to talk strike. In the mining district the possibility of a cessation of work is looked upon with deep foreboding. It means a great loss and a business depression there more than

WHAT A COAL STRIKE MEANS AND COSTS

A strike in the anthracite coal regions will call out 180,000 men. If the bituminous miners join in the movement 600,000 more men will go out. An idea of what such a strike would mean may be had from the statistics of the great anthracite coal strike of 1902, as follows:

Duration of strike	Six months
Total number of miners on strike	146,007
Other workers unemployed	30,000
Women and children affected	390,000
Total of cottages involved	367
Loss of wages to miners	\$19,800,000
Loss to other idle employees	\$4,500,000
Loss to business men in the coal region	\$80,000,000
Cost of maintaining coal police	\$1,000,000
Loss to operators in price of coal	\$40,000,000
Estimated damage to the mines	\$5,000,000
State militia in the field	2,500
Murders committed in consequence of the strike	81

anywhere else. But as the situation stands it looks as if there would be at least a suspension of the mines for a month or more, with the probability of a strike always in view.

A strike in the anthracite regions means the cutting out of 180,000 miners. The operators are asserting that only about 40,000 of these are members of the United Mine Workers' Union, but it is history that, in the event of a strike, all the non-union men gather under the union fold. The low membership is ascribed to the long period of peace, during which time the miners—the forerunners particularly—are not eager to pay their dues.

BITUMINOUS MINERS ALSO ASK INCREASED PAY.

A feature of the coal situation is the discontent among the bituminous miners. Recently they asked for a 10 per cent. increase in wages and were met with a cut of 10 per cent. Their agreement with their operators also terminates on April 1. This is the first time that the agreements of the hard and soft coal men terminated simultaneously. The anthracite men declare that the soft coal miners will join them in their movement. If they do it will mean that to the 180,000 men in the anthracite field 60,000 more will be added.

Already in this city the strike talk is having its effect in the scarcity of coal and in the advance in the prices. The price of coal from the operating companies remains the same, but the middlemen, in order to supply the great demands on them, have to go to the open market and bid high for a supply to fill the orders. The corresponding increase falls on the retailer and consumer.

The price has already jumped from 50 cents to \$1 a ton, and there is no telling where the soaring will stop. With the approach of warm weather the increase may be felt but little by the household, but the big manufacturing plants will suffer. Inquiries made as to the supply of coal in storage reveals the fact that the operators have less in reserve at present than they have had at the same season for many years. This is because of the protracted cold weather, when the supply from the mines could not fill the actual demand and constant call was made on the coal in storage.

DENNEHY WINS POINT.

Former Finance Clerk Must Get Wearing by Comptroller.

A jury before Justice Jaycox in the Brooklyn Supreme Court to-day decided

that Thomas J. Dennehey, employed as a clerk in the Finance Department for thirty-two years until Comptroller Prendergast discharged him, should have the opportunity of having his case heard by the Comptroller.

Dennehey, who is seventy years old, was charged with a shortage of \$29. He declared that he had given the money to an auctioneer in connection with the auction of property sold to pay taxes. The auctioneer denied that he had received the money. Dennehey was notified at the time to appear before Comptroller Prendergast for trial. He sent word he was too ill to appear and was peremptorily discharged. Since then he has been seeking to reopen the case before the Comptroller and have himself reinstated as a clerk.

HUBBY DOES WASHING. COOKS HER BREAKFAST, YET SHE'S SUING HIM.

Broker Barton Is "Extremely Cruel," Says Wife, Who Still Shares His Home.

According to stringent rules, a husband who does his own washing and ironing and gives his wife her coffee and rolls before she gets out of bed in the morning is an ideal spouse. Nevertheless Charles P. Barton, a broker living at New Rochelle, is being sued for a separation by his wife Margaret. But he swears in his answer to the complaint that he did the laundry and other work above described.

Mrs. Barton in her suit alleges extreme cruelty. The husband says his wife is so bent upon the pursuit of pleasure in society that she has no time to devote to her home. For years, he says, he has washed and mended his own clothes and socks, and made the coffee in the morning and carried it to his wife in her bedroom.

The suit is to be tried in the Supreme Court, in White Plains, March 11. A peculiar feature of the case is that the Bartons are living in the same house and eating at the same table. But they never speak as they pass by.

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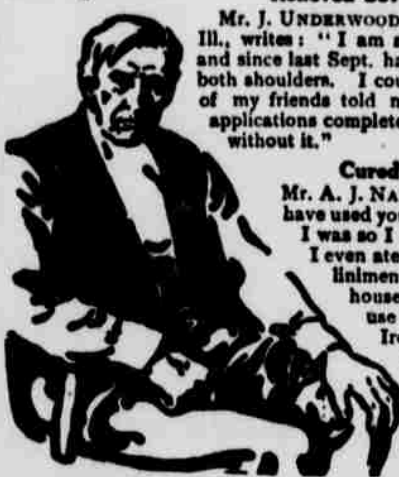
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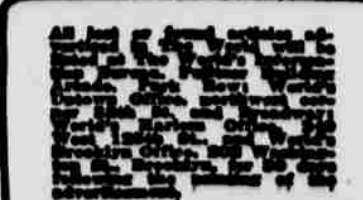


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